

WECHC PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Windsor Family Credit Union

2800 Tecumseh Road East (corner of Tecumseh & Drouillard), Windsor, ON

Wednesday March 11, 2015

9:00 – 11:00 am

Chair: Judy Ellis, Director Clinical Programs (in Hardeep Sadra's absence)

Recorder: Lynn Thomson, Administrative Coordinator

Attended by: 18 Community Partners

- 1. Welcome/Intro** **J. Ellis**
- 2. Approval of December 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes** **J. Ellis**
Approved on consensus.
- 3. Community Information Session (Power Point Presentations Attached)**
 - **Smart Communities** **Jeremy Pillon**
 - **Windsor Essex Youth Strategic Action Committee**
 - **Youth Support Network** **Mike Morency**
- 4. Community Partner Updates** **All**
 - Windsor Police - Community Services Branch**
 - ✓ Community Mobilization Officers: Officers dedicated to the role to assist and trained in mental health issues to connect clients in need with services in the community.
 - ✓ Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Crime Stoppers
 - ✓ Camp Brombal: The members of the Community Services Branch recognized a need in the community for better relations between young people and the police. The officers also recognized that in many cases the difficulties were between the police and youth from less fortunate situations. As a result the officers looked for a program that would both educate and offer youth an opportunity to learn more about policing, and the Officers behind the uniforms to break down the so called "Blue Wall". This funded camp provides an opportunity for 40 students from Grade 6 to attend a weeklong summer camp with police officers. Partnerships include CAS and other community agencies.
 - BANA**
 - ✓ Celebrating 1st anniversary of 1-855 number launched in partnership with Teen Health.
 - ✓ Partnership created with Regional Children's Centre to provide services for those under 10 years of age as there are more and more younger children experiencing eating disorders.

- ✓ Dressing Room Project: A series of workshops based on the worldwide movement called The Dressing Room Project (DRP). The DRP was originally created by the Emerging Women Project in Vermont and has since spread to different countries through action teams. BANA has registered as a DRP Action Team and developed a series of interactive workshops to improve and increase girls' self-esteem, positive body image, assertiveness skills, and media literacy. The aim is to target young girls and address these concerns as a preventative measure against eating disorders.
- ✓ In the DRP, girls get the chance to decorate 3×5 inch cards with encouraging messages for women that will be made into decals and distributed to and posted in dressing rooms around the community.
- ✓ Contact Shauna at shauna@bana.ca or 519-969-2112 ext. 29 for more information.

Life After Fifty (LAF)

- ✓ Awaiting new funding from United Way
- ✓ Recently awarded a New Horizons Grant. A Coordinator will be hired to manage this program that supports the social participation and inclusion of seniors through five objectives:
 - Promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations
 - Engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others
 - Expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse
 - Supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors
 - Providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors

Community Living - Essex County

- ✓ Changes in funding moving towards LHIN model due to significant wait list for services.
- ✓ New "Passport Funding" provides supports and services to people of all ages with an intellectual disability throughout Essex County including day programs, respite and residential support. **Literature distributed to the group.**
- ✓ World Down Syndrome Day is Saturday March 21, 2015

Hotel Dieu Health Care

- ✓ Launching a community relations campaign to identify changes within the community.
- ✓ Working with Mary Broga on Lead Agency work (presenting at June 10th, 2015 meeting).
- ✓ Work is ongoing for a community map to identify youth and mental health service provisions in the community and will identify gaps.
- ✓ Transitional Youth Project ongoing to transition youth to adult mental health services.
- ✓ Cardiac Wellness Program is expanding and is expected to open at the end of summer 2015.

AIDS Committee

- ✓ Breaking Barriers / Opening Doors Annual Conference was held in Windsor early March to focus on enhancing mental and physical health to better serve the needs of clients.
- ✓ Launching service provider package.
- ✓ Rapid Anonymous Program conducts bi-weekly testing in partnership with WRH HIV Care Clinic – by appointment or walk in.

WECHC

- ✓ Board has recently approved a 5 year Strategic Plan.
- ✓ Recognized the North East area of Windsor was underserved. A site at Pickwick Plaza has been secured to provide primary care (2 NPs), health promotion, chronic disease and will service the vulnerable underserved population.
- ✓ A partnership with MCC has been established to transition clients to needed primary care and other services.
- ✓ Accreditation will take place in September by the Canadian Center for Accreditation (CCA) which is representative of the CHC model of care.
- ✓ WECHC is in a position to provide assistance to smaller organizations that do not have HR and Financial Departments and require back office support.
- ✓ SCH recently moved to Brock and College temporarily until permanent College Street location has finished renovations.

Well Come Centre

- ✓ Continues to offer programming to women 18 years of age or over to assist in ending the cycle of homelessness, poverty and violence.
- ✓ The shelter is continual full and can only provide housing to women (12 beds).
- ✓ Looking to engage partners in the community to assist in doubling capacity to extend housing to families.

Pathway to Potential

- ✓ Recently held Living on the Edge of Poverty Campaign.
- ✓ Windsor-Essex Voices Against Poverty continues raise public awareness about the experiences of people living in poverty. The Voices group has been working collaboratively with Pathway to Potential, as well as with provincial advocacy groups, to engage the broader community in a collective poverty reduction effort.

Hiatus House

- ✓ Provides shelter with 42 beds, Child Witness Program, Court Support Program, Mothers in Mind Program (for moms and children up to 4 years old), school based program and long term counselling program in the county.
- ✓ Partnership with the Assault Program continues to run until the end of March.
- ✓ Needs assessment is underway for the underserved county who cannot access services.

ACCESS

- ✓ Working with United Way for continued funding.
- ✓ Opening Community Support services and counselling services in Leamington. Meeting space will be available for community partners.
- ✓ Seeking a donation of 4 desks for this new site.

CCAC

- ✓ New 3 Year Strategic Plan released to focus on:
 - Patient services - patient & family centered care.
 - Chronic Disease & partnership with other organizations
 - Partnership with other organizations - improving care coordination

- 4. Next Steps** **J. Ellis**
- Presenter for June 10th meeting
 - Mary Broga, Hotel Dieu Grace Health Care
- 5. Closing Remarks / Thank You** **J. Ellis**
- 6. Adjournment** **J. Ellis**
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.
- 7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 10, 2015 from 9:00 am–11:00 am at Windsor Family Credit Union - 2800 Tecumseh Road East (corner of Tecumseh & Drouillard), Windsor, ON**

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Thomson